

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed August 22, 2006, the Examiner noted that claims 1-19, 22-25 and 28-41 were pending for reconsideration, allowed claims 1-11, 14-19, 22-25 and 28-41, and rejected claims 12 and 13. Claims 12, 13, 20, 21, 26 and 27 are canceled. Claims 1-11, 14-19, 22-25 and 28-41 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No claims have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

It is submitted that claims 1-11, 14-19, 22-25 and 28-41 continue to be allowable. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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